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	Examiner Sharon Kennedy	Art Unit 3762	

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 80-99 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) 84, 85 and 93 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 80-83, 86-92 and 94-99 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action or the MPEP.

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election of Species 4, Figures 42A-42C in the reply filed on April 12, 2005 is acknowledged. Because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)). Claims 84, 85 and 93 are withdrawn from further consideration.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

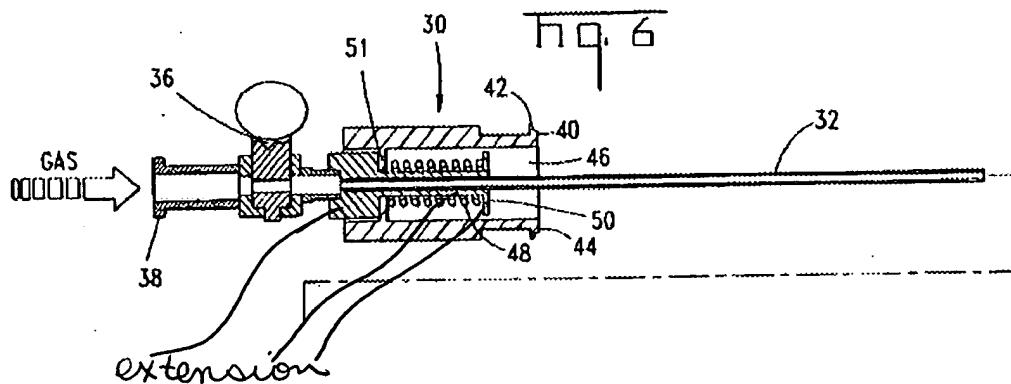
Claim 90 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Technically, this claim further limits an element that is not positively recited, which is indefinite. To correct, claim 90 could be amended by deleting "medical device comprises" and inserting --connector is adapted to attach to --.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Claims 80-83, 86-92, 94-99 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Harris et al., US 6,193,692. See especially figure 6, stylet 32, hub 38,

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second assembly 22. Regarding the claimed extension, the examiner is taking the position that the entire portion shown highlighted below comprises the extension.



Applicant's extension is not well depicted and somewhat unclear, although the Harris extension is in accordance with that described in the claims. Accordingly, the interpretation is reasonable. Regarding claim 82, note figure 10, which explicitly discloses a blunt stylet. However, the examiner takes the position that it is reasonable to assume that the stylet in the other embodiments is also blunt from reading the entire patent. Note especially column 4, lines 39-44. Regarding claim 86, see connector 22 and threads 26. Regarding claims 92, 97, 98 and other claims which are directed to the function of the spring, see especially column 4, lines 32-52.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sharon Kennedy whose telephone number is 571/272-4948. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Angela Sykes can be reached on 571/272-4955.

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